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Sir:

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application and are subject to an election
requirement.

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Applicants hereby elect Species I (claims 1-7, 18, 20 and 22) without traverse. Claims 1, 18, 20 and 22 are considered generic. Substantive examination of the elected species is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

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